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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON EXHORTS MORE THAN 25,000 'SAINTS'

More than 25,000 delegates from all over the world jammed into the Everett R. Cook Convention Center for the Official Day Service of the 67th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ. Bishop J. O. Patterson, the International Presiding Bishop of the 3 million member pentecostal denomination highlighted the event with a spirit-filled sermon calling the church back to preaching the bible instead of philosophy. The saints went into a high level of praising God and rejoicing, as Bishop Patterson called the church back to an old-fashioned pentecostal revival.

Just proceeding his sermon there was a brief note of sadness as he announced the passing of Bishop Wyoming Wells, of Greensboro, North Carolina. Bishop Wells has been one of the leading Bishops and preachers of the Church of God in Christ for nearly a quarter of a century. For years his unique ability to deliver

God's word and sing gospel songs was a featured attraction of the National Convocation. Bishop Wells is the 3rd General Board Member to pass since it was organized in 1968 when Bishop Patterson's Administration began.

Many of the saints who arrived to late to get seats in the main exhibition room sought refuge under the bleachers, standing all along the walls or by sitting on ledges. Several hundred others could not even get into the exhibition hall and had to visit with friends in the Mezzanine and Lobby.

Bishop Patterson brought the church back to Pentecost. He mainly called for the ministers to go back to preaching from the bible "line upon line." He said, the leadership of the church for the next year should encourage preachers to "make Shakespeare and Plato secondary and go back to enjoying the power received through preaching from the

bible." The Presiding Bishop is to be saluted for the progress the Church of God in Christ has made in his administrative years as the head of the largest predominant black Pentecostal denomination in America.

The 67th Annual Holy Convocation began Tuesday, November 5th, with 3 days of fasting and praying. The members of the General Board were presented along with Mother Anne L. Bailey, who is the General Supervisor of Women. Each evening different states were presented by their respective Bishops. Each evening the best of gospel preaching was heard by such ministers as: Bishop Leroy Anderson from New York; Elder S. E. Mitchell, Texas; Elder W. C. Cook, Detroit; Elder C. D. Kinsey, Florida; Elder C. H. Brewer, Jr., Connecticut; Bishop Jacob Cohen, Florida; and Bishop F. D. Washington, Brooklyn, New York. One of the highlights each

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MASON BIBLE COLLEGE SYSTEM GRADUATES 208

The 1st Commencement Exercise of the C. H. Mason System of Bible College graduated 208 students in the 67th International Convocation. This was the 1st time a Commencement Exercise was held during the National Convocation. Dr. A. J. Hines, the executive director of the C. H. Mason System of Bible Colleges said, "the main reason the Commencement Exercises and Communion were held at the same time was to help demonstrate the church's acceptance of the role of education in the Christian Ministry."

The Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges is one of the many projects fostered by Bishop J. O. Patterson, 1971, the presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., in his relentless drive to upgrade the Church of God in Christ. The Charles Harrison System bears the name of the founder of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop C. H. Mason. Bishop J. O. Patterson envision the idea of the system, after concluding that the thought pattern of our entire church was to diverse in relationship to some of our codes of ethic in areas that had not anything to do with our

perpetuating a uniform thought pattern throughout the Church of God in Christ.

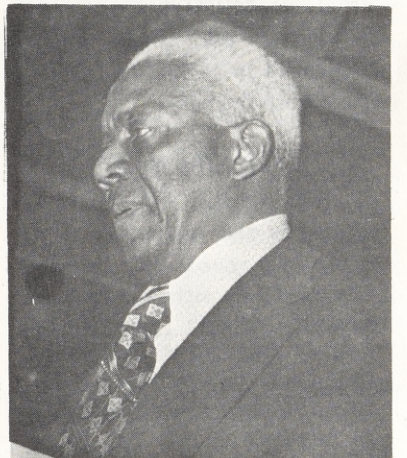
He concluded that the only way we could do this was to organize a System of Bible Colleges that would adhere to the same curriculum and as near as possible the same class hours. To initiate this task, he appointed Dr. A. J. Hines, Executive Director of the system and instructed him to open a pilot school by selecting students of different grade levels, and experiences, exposing all of them to the same text and instructor. This school was organized at Gethsemane Church of God in Christ, 7517 West Knoll, with Dr. Hines serving as President. After a period of eight (8) months, Dr. Hines informed Bishop Patterson of the success

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C. O. G. I. C. MOURNS PASSING OF NATIONAL BISHOP

Thousands of Saints, friends and relatives crowded the Wells Temple Church of God in Christ at eleven o'clock on Friday, the fifteenth day of November to pay their final respects to Bishop Wyoming Wells, a General Board Member of the Church of God in Christ. Thousands filled the isles, the corridor, and hundreds stood on the outside as the Church of God in Christ saw for the last time the remains of one of the most well known and well loved preachers in the History of the church. Many hearts flooded with sweet memories of the man

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BISHOP WYOMING WELLS

FAMINE PROPHECY STUNS CONVOCATION

During the Evangelistic Hour on Friday, November 8th in the National Convocation a prophecy was made by Elder Lawrence, that within the next few months America would be thrust into a famine. What made the prophecy so impressionable was that the same Minister prophesied nearly a year ago the exact month President Nixon would have to leave office. He also prophesied around this same time the rise in cost of sugar. Elder Lawrence also prophesied that former President Richard Nixon would meet with tragic consequences in the year of 1975.

The national delegation is yet talking about the effect of his

prophecy. For the last few years America has been experiencing a gradual recession. Inflation has threatened a depression. What probably made the prophecy so stunning was the knowledge many saints already had of the economic plight of the U. S. A.

Elder Lawrence is the brother of the traveling Evangelist John D. Lawrence who is known for his expertise in the field of personal evangelism.

The prophetic ministry is not something new to the members of the Church of God in Christ. It is believed by most that prophecy is one of the works of the spirit. (Acts 19:6)

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EDITORIAL PAGE

A Z U S A STREET COMES TO MEMPHIS

by

James L. Whitehead Jr. Editor

To say that the 67th Convocation was full of many surprises is the understatement of the year. Many of us came expecting some of the changes we saw. We had been looking forward with much anticipation to not having to suffer the uncomfortable congestion, because of the new location for the convocation weekend. We knew the Cook Convention Center would be beautiful, but not breath taking. So we were greatly elated over this change. But the great surprise that we were not quite prepared for was the old fashion revival meeting our Presiding Bishop lead the convocation into on Official Day. I had heard him ask the convocation the night before to fast until after the Sunday morning service, so that God would send a Pentecostal Revival. Maybe I should have expected that something miraculous would have to happen with twenty thousand saints turning there plates down. But I entered the Official Day service only to visualize the greatest surprise of my lifetime. I naturally expected a highly formal service and for a while it was. There was the processional and Lord's Prayer, just as I expected. Then there were scripture readings, greetings and selections in the usual formal tradition of an occasion of this kind. In fact, up to the time our Presiding Bishop was presented the service was just as expected and hoped for. And I was sure after seeing the beautiful robes the General Board were wearing that the rest of the evening would be nothing like it was. When Bishop Patterson first stood to the platform, he gave his Preliminary remarks and acknowledgements of each church official name by name and then did something I have never seen done in Official Day since I have been attending the National Convocation which I admit has been for only fourteen consecutive years. He did what many Pastors would have the courage to do only on Friday night. He did what I was taught, was done by the founders when the Holiness church was first being "dug out." He brought the church back to "AZUSA STREET"

AZUSA STREET was the place in Los Angeles where Bishop Mason our Founder received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost,

while listening to Elder W. J. Seymour preach from the 24th chapter of St. Luke. The following are excerpts from Elder Mason's personal Testimony regarding his receiving of the Holy Ghost. "I also thanked God for Elder Seymour who came and preached a wonderful sermon. His words were sweet and powerful and it seems that I hear them now while writing. When he closed his sermon, he said 'All of those that want to be sanctified or Baptized with the Holy Ghost, go to the upper room; and all those that want to be justified, come to the altar.' I said, "that is the place for me".

"I got a place at the altar and began to thank God. After that, I would do so; for I wanted the Baptism so bad that I did not know what to do. I said, Lord, you will have to do the work for me; so I turned it over into his hands....."

Bishop Patterson took the bible and preached from it. He preached about the Holy Ghost, what it is, what it does and who can receive it. The purpose of his message seemed to be to call us back to strict Christian living. I began feeling like the disciples must have felt on the Day of Pentecost. "Like a rushing, mighty wind," the spirit of God began filling the room or Convention Center. The joy and presence of the Lord was greater than I have ever seen it in our midst. It seemed as though everyone in the room began enjoying and praising God. When the altar call was made for people who wanted to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost more than a thousand people rushed to the altar. Many of them immediately began receiving the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues as the spirit gave utterance. For near sixty minutes, the National Convocation experienced, "Pentecost At Any Cost". In my heart I truly began thanking God for this kind of spiritual direction He was giving us through our appointed Leader, Bishop J. O. Patterson. I am sure the Church of God In Christ will begin reaching new Horizons as a result of this great day.



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ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

by
Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop of C.O.G.I.C.

Dear Presiding Bishop:

I want you to know I am very happy for a column such as this. We no longer have to go on second hand information. Bishop, is there any financial aid or help available for the struggling preacher. I am trying to build a church, but I don't have the funds.

Elder Johnson

Dear Elder Johnson:

It is heartbreaking to give you a forthright no answer to your question concerning financial help to build a church. Leadership is only effective when it has cooperative followship. I am very dissatisfied with the unscriptural way we have tried to finance God's Church, and as your presiding officer I have challenged to the back to the Bible way of supporting God's Church. If we bishops, pastors, supervisors and National evangelists would send God's tithes to Headquarters, making our checks payable to the Church of God in Christ tithing fund, we would have adequate funds for Church extension, publications, missions, education and all of the other needs of the Church. Not only is that true, but God said he would open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing that we wouldn't have room to receive.

Dear Bishop Patterson:

You are really a politician! All of your answers were very evasive-especially the answer to the lady who wanted to know why it is considered wrong for women to wear a pant suit. You said, "I think we will be safe if we attire ourselves modestly and becoming holiness". Now, I ask you, what is there about pant suits that make them rate "un-modest" or not becoming holiness?

Personal

Dear Personal:

I don't mean to be political with my answers, however, I do think that you are prejudice. I didn't say pantsuits are "un-modest or not becoming holiness". If you are a third grade school-teacher and your work requires you to stand on your head, as you stated in your letter. I believe in that position you would look better in pants. I would, also, like to suggest since you seem to be very fed-up with the "negatives" of the Church that you would search your own heart and conscience, do what is right, and not allow yourself to become frustrated over people who don't think like you do, or have your faith. The Bible says "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in the things he allows." The Church of God in Christ is still a Great Church, most other denominations, in spite of our negatives wish they had our positive virtues.

During the National Convocation November 1974. The General Assembly accepted the National Tithing Program. It was stated by the Presiding Bishop that the Bible points out the system of giving for the support of the Gospel Ministry and the Church, tithes and offerings, that all Ministers should tithe to the National Church.

Our late founder Bishop C. H. Mason, stated that when tithes are properly systematized, it will be sufficient for the support of the Church, I concur with both the founder Bishop C. H. Mason and the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson. I would like to share with you an article from the Memphis Press-Scimitar Newspaper where one local church raised more than \$775,000.00 in one year (1973) in tithes.

Humbly submitted by, Director of Public Relations
Bishop W. L. Porter



First Baptist Church at poplar and Parkway today began making plans to seek a new pastor after the surprise announcement Sunday that Dr. R. Paul Caudill would retire as pastor March 3.

The historic Memphis church with 4,500 members, is one of the largest Southern Baptist churches in the Mid-South.

Dr. Caudill related to the congregation yesterday the growth of the church during his 31 years as pastor, how it had moved from Linden and Lauderdale to its present seven-acre site with buildings worth \$3.5 million, how the membership had grown from 2,400 and how the work of the church had spread through missions. Last year, tithes and offerings at the church totalled more than \$775,000.



EVANGELIST ORAL ROBERTS & BISHOP J.O. PATTERSON

ORAL ROBERTS
ADDRESSES NATIONAL
CONVOCATION

The world renowned Evangelist and Christian Educator Oral Roberts addressed more than 18,000 delegates at the 67th National Convocation of the Church of God In Christ. Only recently, The Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson was invited by Evangelist Roberts to speak at Oral University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Evangelist Roberts says, "The students were yet talking about the message Preached by Presiding Bishop Patterson, 3 months after he had

left.

Evangelist Roberts was well received by the International Delegation. He preached about the importance of the children of God, maintaining a hold on the rope of faith. He emphasized through many everyday life illustrations the importance of not giving-up. In the conclusion of his sermon he had the congregation to stand and join in prayer for the Christian Church and the political condition of the country.

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MEN'S NATIONAL REPORT

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Secretary of Finance		
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WOMEN'S NATIONAL REPORT

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Missionaries	20.00

This program has been approved by the General Assembly. It will take all of our cooperation to make it

THE ROLE OF
HERMENEUTICS IN
EVANGELISM

By
Elder Martin L. Johnson

This article is not written primarily for theologians and philosophers, but for those Christians who, as myself, are engaged in daily evangelism, witnessing or pastoral work. This article seeks to share some insights with those readers who may feel incapable of interpreting the Bible because of a very limited theological or seminary education. Furthermore, it is in the interest of encouraging participation in the hermeneutical process by all Christians, and a better understanding of its role in evangelism, that this article is written.

Within the Christian community (the church) there is a great amount of emphasis being placed upon evangelism and even more upon personal evangelism. This is, in essence, an expression of a much needed desire to mobilize the total church for evangelism. In becoming an effective witness of the Christian confession, one has to be able to "rightly divide the word of truth

The English word hermeneutics comes from the Greek word "ermeneia" which refers to the interpretation of what has been spoken more or less obscurely by others; while "ermeneutes" refers to the actual interpreter. In the context of this article, hermeneutics refers to the interpretation or explanation of the Bible so that its message can have relevance and meaning to those whom we seek to evangelize or gain to the faith.

There has been much discussion in recent days as to whom should be permitted to interpret the Bible. In some religious confessions, the feeling is that one must have attained or achieved a required theological level as a prerequisite to Biblical interpretation. To those who are victimized by those circumstances, the hermeneutical process is a liberating force or process. For it (the hermeneutical process) allows each person who is a Christian to bring the Christian message of Jesus out of his or her own experience. It allows each evangelist to interpret the Christian Gospel in the light of peoples' own spheres of experiences.

The contextual situation out of which each convert comes is rather unique and different and the task of the evangelist is to interpret or explain a first-century mentality. No one is solely in position to sit remotely and detached from the situation and dictate to the evangelist or interpreter who is in the situation as to how he should interpret or that he cannot be his own interpreter.

Any religious confession or church that fails to recognize the hermeneutical rights of the masses will soon realize a decline in personal evangelism. We can no longer say that you are not qualified to interpret the Bible because you do not have a seminary or college education. This sentence is by no means an attempt to negate the dire necessity for educational preparation; for one can only attest to that he knows or has experienced, and is therefore, limited in the light of an educational preparation.

Biblical history reveals that God meets each person in his own contextual situation. It also reveals that each encounter is relativized to one's experience and world view. To those who are farmers, He meets them at the plow and becomes the spiritual plow that "breaks up the fallow ground" and gets it ready for the planting and growth of the word of of God. To those who are carpenters, He is the "hammer that breaks the rocks into pieces"; of the human heart, and prepares it and its tributaries for service in the Lord's vineyard.

The major theme of this article is to stimulate participation in the hermeneutical process by all Christians with a basic objective being to encourage and promote personal evangelism. It is to encourage all Christians to express their finding and understanding of the Holy Scriptures as individuals and not to present some account of intellectual exploits, for one must testify to what he or she has experienced as a Christian person. As two of the evangelist of primitive (early) Christianity, Peter and John said, "we cannot help but testify to the things we have seen and heard."

successful. Everyone is requested to be a committee of one. With prayer and cooperation, God will give us the greatest year in the history of His Church.

State Jurisdictional Bishops will collect reports from the brethren of the Jurisdiction.

State Supervisors will collect reports from the women of the Jurisdiction.



NOTICE

Every person that was a member of the National Choir during the life time of Dr. C. T. James, who was the President, please send your name and address to

Sister Iona Valentine, she was the Recording and National Secretary of the choir during the year of 1936-1963.

Thank You,
Sis. Iona Valentine
1031 Bergen St.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

"THEME:" "WINNING THE LOST AT ANYCOST" 1974 4TH NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS OF ABACO (AUGUST 27TH THROUGH OCTOBER 1ST)

Holy Greetings to the saints of God everywhere, both in the U. S. A. and in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The 4th National Youth Congress of Abaco, Bahamas, convened on the out Island of Abaco, in the Village of Cooperstown, Tuesday evening August 27th at 8 p. m. with singing and praising God.

After a great spirit filled message by Elder R. Christian, of Miami, Fla. it seemed as if the heavens opened up and an out pouring of the Spirit like a rain came down. Each evening, it seems that each Minister was especially anointed to preach the gospel as never before. Every one witness a great Spiritual overflowing. But only the saved was able to really enjoy it, each daytime Bible teaching and workshop was carried on by Bishop Thomas Gibson, of St. Petersburg, Fla. By far this was the greatest of all 4 of the Youth Congress held in the Bahamas. From the very first night, when a girl of 15, a heart patient, was saved and healed. Another was saved. Each of the saints that went, plans to return in 75, to the next Youth Congress of Abaco, Bahamas.

Again, Evangelist I. S. James brought a large delegation from New York and New Jersey. Supt. and Mrs. M. Walton, Dist. Missionary Whithel and Mother Anna Glass, from New Jersey, Bishop and Mrs. John Anderson, and two young lady missionaries, from Brooklyn, New York Mother Felix, we were so happy to have this great woman of God with us, from Mt. Siani C.O.G.I.C., Brooklyn, New York. From Miami, Fla. came Overseer S. Pace, and nine (9) members of his church. Also Elder and Mrs. R. Christian with nine (9) others with them. Then there was Miss. Sister Wanda Harrison. This young lady was a delegate to the International Home and Foreign Mission Conference in Chicago, Ill. She met Evang. James, there and told him she too, would like to go to the Youth Congress in Abaco. She went to Miami, and joined Elder and Mrs. R. Christian, and went with them. We were grateful and thankful to God to have this very fine young lady with us all the way from California. She too wants to support the Youth Project in Abaco. Thirty-three (33) from New York, and New Jersey, twenty (20) from Florida, one (1) from California. This gave us a delegation from the U.S.A. of fifty-four (54). In 1971 it was 35, in 1972 it was 54, in 1973 it was 89, in 1974 it was 54. This is two-hundred and thirty-two (232) delegates that the Evangelists has brought from Stateside in four (4) years. We don't know of anyone else working in or out of the U.S.A. that has done so much on the Mission Fields as Egangelist I. S. James.

Already we are looking forward to the 5th National Youth Congress of Abaco. If the Lord will. We thank God for this great

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MASON BIBLE COLLEGE ADDS NEW COURSE

Dear Readers:

We are writing to inform you of a new course that has entered our National Wide Charles Harrison Mason Bible College. It's the "Nursing Care Plan for the Christian Worker. It's first establishment is in the beautiful edifice of the New St. Paul Church of God in Christ, located at 1540 Oakman Blvd. and Joy Road. Pastor and Area Director, Rev. P.A. Brooks, also Bishop C.L. Anderson, Area Director, Rev. James Scott, Dean of the College.

We believe that God is truly in this Plan, for one evening while sitting in the Dean's Office, God gave him this vision. The instructor, Mrs. Marcella Martin, came up with an inspirational name "The Nursing Care Plan for the Christian Worker".

This course is designed to prepare the Christian Worker in the Missionary field, Nurse's Guild dept., or anyone who are interested to reach the total needs of mankind, in relations to his physical, psychological, and most important, spiritual aspects.

Our Instructor, Mrs. Marcella Martin, has had over eight (8) years of experience in the Nursing Field, she completed her Medical assistance training in 1966, she also obtained her governmental Medical Career Status during this time after working at Veterans Hospital. She is now employed at the Visiting Nursing Association. Her love for people inspired her to enroll in a Home management course, under the Board of Education, after completion, she began working in the homes of the Old Age People of this City, where she became their hands and feet, and was responsible for their personal needs.

In 1971 she enrolled at Mary Grove College and successfully completed the Operating Technician Course.

Missionary Martin has really put herself into her work, for she indeed loves people, because of her beautiful outlook on life she had gained many friends, and is able to deal with people from all walks of life. In addition to her Nursing skills, Mrs. Martin earned her Bachelor of Theology after attending Bible College. We

results, and the people were blessed and encouraged.

Because we have such sterling examples in our Pastor and wife, Bishop and Mother B.R. Benbow, many of us have become more conscious of the fact that the "liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered himself." We have learned that benevolence to the poor brings safety. (Psalms 41:1. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." "The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and he will not be delivered unto his enemies.")

Pray for us that we may continue to worship God reverently, obey Him fully, and continue to labor earnestly in His vineyard.

L. Howard, Reporter
Executive Secretary - Nigeria,
West Africa Jurisdiction

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Vision that he has given to Evangelist James to do something to help the Youth of other Countries. I feel like asking all of you to join us first, in praying for him then second, and supporting him in this great project. In building a work for God and the winning of the Youth to Christ. As "A SOUL HARVESTER FOR CHRIST."

We feel that any one that is able to take so many people to another country, paying thousands of dollars to the airlines and hotels-motels, not only is due our prayers but also our respect and our support, we



SUPT. P.A. BROOKS

can say of a truth she is a prepared and qualified worker.

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I. Short Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology

- A. Diseases that attack the body
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- A. Personal service for the bed patient
- B. How to make up a bed occupied and unoccupied

III. Vital Signs

- A. Blood Pressures
- B. Diets
- C. Treatments (Hot and Cold Compresses)
- D. Emergency preparations

feel the Dept. of Mission is blessed to have this great Mission worker as a worker. To us, we know of no one else in the C.O.G.I.C. alone that is doing so much on the Mission fields, Home and Foreign.

God bless you Evangelist James we are praying for you. Even so come Lord Jesus. Amen.

Evangelist Isaac S. James, Founder and President Brooklyn, New York, Elder Copland Morley, Vice President, Cooperstown, Abaco, Bahamas. Minister Henry Wright, Secretary-Treasurer, Cooperstown, Abaco, Bahamas. Bishop William Grant, Overseer of the Bahamas, Mrs. Linda Christian, Reporting, Miami, Florida. Evangelist Isaac S. James is also Mission Director of the Bahamas.

NOTICE

By: Orders of the National Evangelist Department

To All Evangelists, State and Regional Evangelists Presidents and Elect Ladies: In Order For Us To Meet Our National Quota It Is Imperative That You Send In Immediately Your Complete Reports And Membership Renewals (If You Did Not Do This In Memphis) To The Exec. Secretary: Mrs. Margaret Morgan, 533 Yellowstone Rd., Colo. Springs, Colo. 80910

RESIST DEPRESSION AND IT WILL FLEE FROM YOU

by

Miss Ramona Howard Ph.d.,

Each of us can give accounts of times when we have been depressed. So much so that many seem to feel that occasional bouts with depression are natural or to be expected. Some people simply have a period of depression, manage to get through it, and then go on about their business. Others tend, however, to go from one depression to another - sometimes never really shaking the preceding one or its effects. Yet, few seem to think about the tremendous amount of power depression exerts upon the person caught in its clutches. Few seem to realize that depression is a trick of the Enemy, that it is indeed OPPRESSION from Satan and is a SIN to those saved ones who succumb to it and allow themselves to be controlled by it.

Depression may be defined as "an emotional attitude, sometimes definitely pathological, involving feelings of inadequacy and hopelessness, sometimes overwhelming, accompanied by a general lowering of physical and mental activity" (DICTIONARY OF PSYCHOLOGY, 1952). It is a sin because one caught in this state begins to do the OPPOSITE of everything the Word would direct us to do. For example, James 2:17, tells us, "Faith without works is dead"; Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4); and "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works. . ." (Matt. 5:16). Many Scriptures point to the fact that God wants us to be busy, and not only busy, but to actively and productively work to ACCOMPLISH things: to bear fruit (John 15:2), to labor in the hedges and highways (Luke 14:23; Matt. 22:9), to be DOERS of the Word (James 1:22). Depression, on the other hand, makes you lazy; steals your strength and robs you of the energy and will to do ANYTHING - even the most simple and routine; drains you both physically and mentally and therefore takes a toll on you spiritually as well. Jesus commands us to "provoke one another to love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25); to bear each other's infirmities (Heb. 13:16; Rom. 15:1); to greet one another with holy kisses (Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 16:20); to love one another as we love ourselves (Matt. 22:39; Gal. 5:14; John 15:2). In other words, to mix and mingle and even become INVOLVED. However, depression makes you dislike practically everybody; makes you want to stay at home and be alone - or drives you to be with people you would not ordinarily join; and makes it very difficult for you to listen to, not to mention concentrate on, the problems of others (as your own problems seem so much more important and pressing). Further more, the Word encourages us many times

to put our trust in God rather than man (Psalms 118:8; Prov. 3:5; Isa. 50:10, 26:4; Prov. 29:25; Psalms 32:10); and Jesus promises eternal life (Rom. 2:7; Matt. 25:46; John 6:27, 10:28), as well as PEACE (Ps. 4:7; John 16:33), JOY (Psalms 126:5; John 16:24; Nehemiah 8:10) and HOPE (Rom. 15:4; Psalms 42:11) in this present world. These exhortations and promises suggest a positive outlook on life based not on superstition, but on the fact of the resurrection of Jesus and the Truth of His Word. But depression tells you that Life is not worth living, that Death must be better, that nothing exists after this life anyway because you have already had your hell, that people are no good and are never to be trusted, that nobody loves you and no one ever will.

These few examples illustrate the paradoxical intentions of the way Jesus would have you LIVE and the way depression would have you EXIST, as well as the absolute worthlessness of depression for your spiritual growth and development. For, depression would have you feel perpetually defeated, alone, hopeless and worthless, when Jesus so clearly says, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I love you: continue ye in my love" (John 15:9); "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mat. 28:20), and "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). How is it possible to be or stay depressed knowing Jesus has said such things to you? Simply because you are allowing the Enemy to trick you into doing two things that will always put you in danger spiritually: not believing and taking your mind off Jesus and your eyes off the prize, and putting both your mind and eyes on yourself. Consequently, you are soon filled with self-pity, self-righteousness and selfishness; you allow Self to take control rather than Jesus: an indisputable cardinal Sin.

Isaiah presents the key to dealing with depression when he said, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusted in thee" (26:3). If you can keep your mind on the goodness of God; on how you can continually do His will; on how grateful you are and should be for His mercy and grace; on how He showed His great love for you on Calvary and is yet showing it even at this moment; on how He has brought you out of many situations, through many tests; on how glorious it will be to be caught up to meet Him; on how He has forgiven you of so many things so many times; on the fact that you can trust and depend on Him for EVERYTHING; on how you can praise Him; on learning His word; then you have an impenetrable barrier against

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GREAT MISSION THRUST BY THE NEW LIGHT COGIC

The New Light Church of God in Christ, 3102 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, California, under the leadership of Bishop B.R. Benbow, is Headquarters for the Nigeria, West Africa Jurisdiction (consisting of 94 Churches). Bishop B.R. Benbow is Bishop of the Nigeria, West Africa Jurisdiction. Mother Rachel Benbow is State Supervisor of Women.

The Church has been involved in a gigantic building program since January 1974, spending \$90,000.00. But even in the midst of this, the Congregation held the 5th "NIGERIAN JUBILEE" Sunday October 13, 1974, raising \$3,189.49, exclusively for the people of Nigeria. \$9,000.00 has already been sent to Nigeria to support the local churches and the Bennie Roberts Benbow College and Seminary. Quarterly, Sunday School literature is sent to the regions in Nigeria, and Tracts have been translated into the African language.

In Nigeria, souls are hearing the GOSPEL and are being saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost, sick healed, demons casted out, blinded eyes opened and broken homes mended. During the Convocation, many have taken Communion for the first time, experiencing the Lord's Shikinah glory as the Lord filled the house where they were sitting. They came from far and near hungering and thirsting after the precious things of the Lord and were satisfied. Those who visited the last Convocation in Calabar testified that the ministry exemplified, the orderliness, Tracts, the Sunday School literature and cordial welcome brought wonderful

OBITUARY BISHOP WYOMING WELLS

He was born on a pecan farm in Gaines Landing, Arkansas on December 13, 1909 of Louise and Richard Wells, a strapping 13 pound baby, the last of their 23, children and they called him Wyoming. He was reared in a Christian home and thus had the benefit of early exposure to those principles which would become the guidelines for his future development.

His call to the ministry was pre-destined, when beginning at the age of four, standing atop a table, he would preach, and the children would listen. At the age of 12 Wyoming was converted and joined the Baptist Church. His life of devotion to Christ had begun.

In 1924 the family moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a year later Wyoming was saved and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In 1926 he joined the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, and it was under this influence that he received the call to the ministry. He was later licensed and ordained as an Elder in the church. As an energetic, young, dynamic minister he won the favor of all churches, and many doors were opened to him. In carrying on the work of the ministry, he met and subsequently married MARY ELDER POTTS, who was a source of strength and blessing to his ministry. Led by the Lord, he was appointed Pastor of several churches in Pennsylvania where he served as District Superintendent, youth president, and special assistant to the late Bishop Jones.

As a gifted and anointed gospel preacher, he evangelized churches in many sections of the country. Because of his spiritual depth and administrative capabilities, the late Bishop C. H. Mason, founder of the Church of God in Christ, appointed him Overseer of the State of North Carolina at the age of twenty-nine, the youngest of his time. He served as Overseer from 1939 to 1953 when he was consecrated to the Bishopric.

The Church of God in Christ was greatly enriched by the contributions which were made by Brother, Ministry, Elder, Overseer and Bishop Wyoming Wells. He served the church unselfishly at all levels: a good member, pastor, youth leader, instructor, educator and administrator. He served the Church of God in Christ as a concerned and dedicated leader who performed a service of immeasurable worth under circumstances which tested the very foundation upon which the church was built, quietly, pleasantly, and wisely maintaining friendship with all segments of the church.

The scope of Bishop Wells' religious life and ministry was not limited to the confines of his denomination. He prided himself in being a churchman, thus identifying with men of all churches and of all faiths. He was a friend to young men in all denominations and there are many who testify to the help, guidance and fatherly leadership which he gave to them.

Religion to Bishop Wells was practical and functional. This can be seen in his involvement in civic and social and community affairs. The total person was his concern and therefore he involved himself in those agencies and activities which provided direct help to people in need.

Bishop Wyoming Wells served as pastor of Wells Temple Church of God in Christ, Greensboro, North Carolina; pastored Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ, Greenville, North Carolina and served as presiding Bishop of the Greater North Carolina Conference of the Church of God in Christ. He was a member of the twelve man General Board; a member of the board of trustees of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia; Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Saints Junior College, Lexington, Mississippi; former president of the Greensboro Ministerial Alliance and was one of the founders of the first full service Black bank in Greensboro, North Carolina where he served as chairman of the board of directors.

The name of Wyoming Wells has grown and extended itself in multiple directions. Through his family: his children are giving service through the fields of Law and Education. Through the church: he ordained Elders, licensed missionaries, dedicated churches and institutions for human enrichment. Through the world of business: he was instrumental in establishing a commercial institution through which his Christian concept could be applied for the benefit of many who were in need.

On November 9, 1974 he moved out of the narrow confines of the restricted forces of this life and moved into eternal presence. He leaves to rejoice in his memories, a beloved wife, four children, Claudia, O. T., DeOla and Lucien; a foster daughter, Eva; three brothers, Andrew, Richard and Nathaniel Wells; two sisters, Helen Grundy and Beatrice Williams; twelve grandchildren; one great grand-child and numerous nieces and nephews.

".....The Lord Stood With Me,
And Strengthened Me; That By
Me The Preaching Might Be
Fully Known....."

II Timothy 4:17

OBITUARY REV.

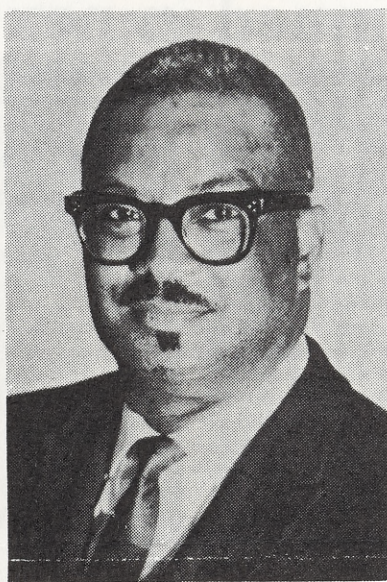
SAVALUS COPELAND, SR.

Rev. Savalus Copeland, Sr. was born in Zuni, Virginia, on June 30, 1913. He was the fifth child of Bishop Floyd and Mattie Austin Copeland. He attended the Isle of Wright County Schools, Portsmouth, Virginia. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour in 1929 and joined the Saint John's Holiness Church in Suffolk, Virginia, under the late Bishop Edward Evans.

In 1933 he was united in holy matrimony to Alice Blowe. Of this union was born two children a son, Savalus, Jr., and one daughter, Dorothy Lee.

Rev. Copeland was called to the ministry in 1936. Shortly after

In Memoriam



REV. SAVALUS
COPELAND, SR.

this, he came to New York City. He work with Bishop Alleynes and later joined Bishop I. G. Glover's Church.

In 1942 he was the founder of the Pentecostal Church of God In Christ, then located on Cooke St. in Brooklyn. After many years on Gates Avenue he then moved to the Sanctuary now located at 526 Georgia Ave., Brooklyn, New York.

His remains were laid out in the state in this church because of his unwavering dedication to his saints.

Never has a husband loved his wife more; never was there a more dedicated father to his children; never did grandchildren adore a grandfather more, so we the members of his family must truthfully say, "Thank, You Lord. We don't understand all of this, but we know that all things work together for good for those that love the Lord and who are called according to his purpose."

Among those who survive his homegoing are, Mrs. Alice Copeland (wife), Mr. Savalus Copeland, Jr. (son), Mrs. Dorothy Copeland Ellis (daughter), Mrs. Jeanette Evans Copeland (daughter-in-law), Mr. Clarence Milton Ellis (son-in-law), three brothers, Rev. Samuel Copeland, Mr. James Copeland and Mr. Willie Copeland; one sister, Mrs. Novella Lucas; Mrs. Helen McCowan, Mrs. Marie Copeland, Mrs. Ann Copeland, Mrs. Pauline Copeland, one brother-in-law, Mr. Melvin Blowe; five grandchildren, Savalus III, Dorothea, Sondrea, Cleste and Beatrice, scores of cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. S. Copeland departed this life August 17, 1974. Rev. Copeland was the founder of the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ in 1942 then located on Cooke Street in Brooklyn, New York. After many years on Gates Avenue he then moved to the Sanctuary now located at 526 Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Funeral Service was Thursday Evening August 22, 1974, 8:P.M. at the Washington Temple Church of God in Christ, Brooklyn, New York.

Tribute to Grandfather: Savalus Copeland, III, Obituary: Savalus Copeland, Jr., Eulogy: Bishop F. D. Washington.

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The following poem was composed and dedicated to Rev. Copeland last year at the celebration of his 60th Birthday?

*A preacher of the gospel truth,
A teacher, an instructor and a leader too.
Preaches the word of God with
all his strength,
By precepts and example with
no trick act.*

*Some preachers were called
Some were sent
Few were chosen
Others went running to collect*
*But this preacher tells his story
With words of praise
Being convinced that God called
him
In this Minister's Race.*

*He has toiled down through the
years
With his wife, children and
whosoever will
God has so wonderfully paved
his way
That he now stands firm and say
He was one called, chosen and
sent*

*Keep courage dear preacher with
high aim.
The preacher I have in mine,
Rev. S. Copeland is his name.*

BRONX, NEW YORK IN MEMORIAM

Who can understand life, who can understand death, who can really console, when our loved ones go to rest, who can bear our burdens, when sorrows press us down we will understand it by and by, when the great trumpet sound.

In loving memories of our late pastor, Bishop John W. Easter, who departed this life October 14, 1973. We first say we are so grateful to God for having lent us such a great pastor and leader.

Born February 9, 1899, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, to the late Mr. & Mrs. William Easter. Bishop Easter migrated to Fresno, California at an early age. He became a member of the Church of God in Christ and received Jesus as his personal Saviour, was saved, sanctified and blessed with God's precious gift of the Holy Ghost.

He was called to the ministry in 1920 and began to evangelize in many parts of the country. In 1929 he moved to Staten Island, New York, where he first pastored the First C. O. G. I. C.

He met and married Miss Bernice Herring on August 11, 1931, and from this union five children were born.

In 1935, he and his family moved to Corona, Long Island, and there he became the pastor of Corona C. O. G. I. C. A few years later the Lord had another mission for Bishop Easter and that was in the Bronx, New York. In 1945 he founded St. John's C. O. G. I. C., 847 East 169th Street, Bronx, New York, under the leadership of Bishop O. M. Kelly. Still praying and waiting on the Lord to do a greater miracle in his life, Bishop Easter had a vision of a larger edifice. The Lord showed him the place where He should move. In 1949, he moved to 1320 Boston Road, Bronx, New York, and there he remained praying, preaching, teaching and compelling souls to come to Christ until the Lord called him home from labor to reward. He was Bishop of Western Canada, Diocese, the Assistant Bishop to the Late Bishop Alvin A. Childs, of the Upper Manhattan District, pastored nine churches, ordained many young ministers and in 1961 he became Bishop of His own jurisdiction.

On October 14, 1974, the pastor, Elder Clay Elliott and the members had a memorial service in honor of our Late Pastor and Founder, Bishop Easter. The church was decorated with beautiful floral pieces, the choir sang many of his favorite songs, led by Sister Mae Mack, Brother Lonnie Swindel our organist sang a solo, "It Won't Be Long We'll Be Going Home" and because of the unforgettable lessons that he taught, the unadulterated gospel he preached, the relentless faith he had in God, his steadfast love for the Word of God. A beautiful pulpit Bible was presented in precious memories to the Church by our church reporter, Sister Frances. Members were given space by our present Pastor, Elder Elliott to have remarks. Elder Clay Elliott delivered the sermon, the topic was "Even Though He is Dead; He Yet Speaketh!"

Bishop John W. Easter left us a great legacy and by God's grace and help we shall carry on the work of God until the day when We shall meet never to part no more. And we, like Bishop Easter at our departing shall leave footprints on the sands of time, and the work that we do while life lingers on shall speak for us as our Late Bishop John W. Easter's life now speaks for him. We do not sorrow as others that have no hope, but our hope is in Christ Jesus, who shall crack the sky and we shall be caught up to meet him by and bye.

Done by the Church Reporter
and Corresponding Secretary,
Sister Little Frances

St. John C.O.G.I.C.
1320 Boston Road
Bronx, New York 10459
Elder C. D. Elliott, Pastor

PICTORIAL ON 67TH HOLY CONVOCATION

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BISHOP PATTERSON AND EVANGELIST ORAL ROBERTS ENJOY THE SINGING

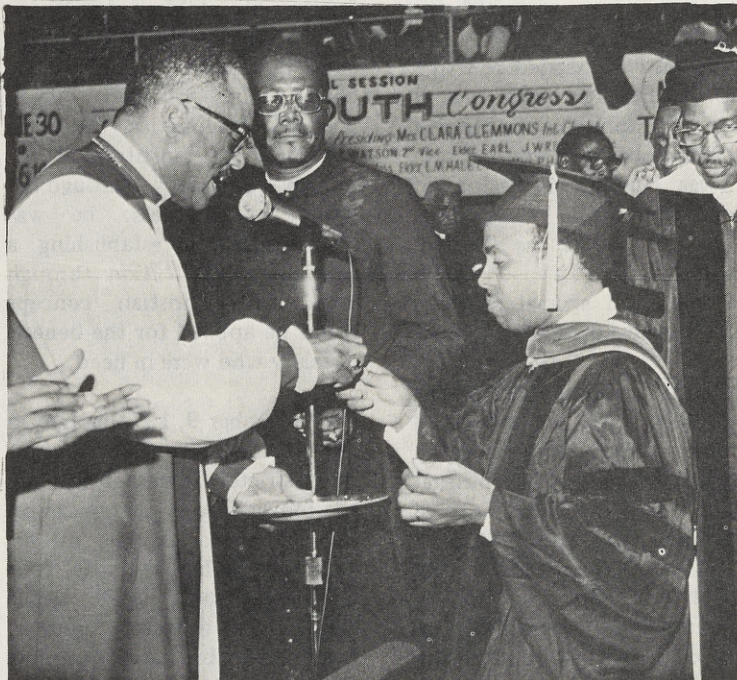


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BISHOP THEO DAVIS RECEIVES AWARD FOR MOST OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MASON BIBLE COLLEGES SYSTEM

STANDING WITH HIM ARE (L-R) REV. ROY WINBUSH, BISHOP DAVIS, SIS. SMITH, ELD. HINES AND PRESIDING BISHOP PATTERSON



BISHOP PATTERSON GIVES COMMUNION



WOMEN'S DAY



DR. GREEN ADDRESSES NATIONAL CONVOCATION

PUBLIC RELATIONS BOARD FELLOWSHIP DINNER FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

Saturday Night October 19, 1974, the Public Relations Board of Church of God in Christ, State of New Jersey first Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction sponsored a fellowship dinner at the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.

Hostesses under direction of Mrs. Olive Brown received this beautiful audience with smiles and made sure everyone was seated comfortably and ready for an evening that will be long remembered. A delightful evening started with a hearty welcome from Toast-mistress, Miss Mildred Williams.

A Delicious menu of tomato juice, tossed green salad, roast top round beef, baked potato french green beans, plenty rolls and butter, ice cream cake roll, tea and coffee was served.

After dinner Mrs. Florine Lee thrilled this setting with her singing of I Believe. She was accompanied by her husband.

The Public Relations Chairman, Elder Aaron Williams, greeted this gathering with gratitude and love. He said, "The Committees endeavor is to use all that God has blessed us with and look to a successful year. It is our duty and responsibility to lead others to the fountain by publicizing God's program. It is our endeavor to please God."

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

Greetings from the saints of God at Coloman Temple Church of God in Christ, located 2116 Wadworth St. in the name of Jesus Christ.

We thank and praise God for another revival which convened Sept. 16th through 22nd, conducted by Elder Carhee from Los Angeles, California. He brought some soul stirring messages: "Seeing God" St. John 1:29, "Knowing God" St. John 17:3, Romans 2:1-5, "Belove of God" John 3:16, Dan. 2:44, "God is calling" Matthew 28:30 and "Warned of God" Lev. 11:44, Jer. 1:5. We thank God for the message and messenger.

We solicit the prayers of the righteous everywhere.

Mother B. Calvin, Reporter

Elder H. J. Coloman, Pastor

We the young people of Mt. Calvary Church of God In Christ of 194-59 Murdock Avenue St. Albans, New York 11412. We would like for the publishers of the Whole Truth paper to print this article in the paper. We hope that it will inspire young people everywhere to except Christ as their personal Saviour.

On October 7, 1974 the Lord gave to me Denise Baynard a vision for the young people to have all night prayer. The Lord

Group singing was lead by Mrs. Juanita Faulkner with Mr. H. Leonard as Pianist. This relaxed and prepared the audience for the dynamic speaker of the evening, Dr. Gwendolyn Grant.

Dr. Grant thrilled the hearts with her message. Some of the highlights as reporter, Anne Streater heard them. Subject "Lean On Me." We all need someone to lean on under the load of burdens. We are still our brothers keeper. By sharing burdens we lighten the load. Dr. Grant quoted from Galatians 6:2 "Bear Ye One Anothers Burdens, and so Fulfill The Law of Christ." We are instruments of God's love. God's work here on earth must truly be our own. If we're not trying to solve the problem, we are part of the problem. "Leaning is an experience for the leaner and as well as the one leaned upon. When you lean with meaning you lean on everlasting arms, for only what you do for Christ will last."

She cited props available for the leaner and the leaned upon. "Prop up on prayer, Prop up on positive thinking, Prop up on Pentecost power. Prop up on God and stay up. God is able to Prop up all the leaning sides. For without faith the leaner and the leaneer will not be able to hold on."

She challenged the group to draw near to Christ. Philippians 1:27. "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you or else be absent, I may hear of

wanted us to pray more often than what we were doing. The Lord wanted to bless us. I told my pastor Supt. Robert Washington D.D. about the vision and he thought that the young people should pray more too, so he agreed and asked us what date we would like to have. So we chose the third Friday night after our regular service and we prayed all night until 5:00 a. m. the Lord blessed us. When we prayed our prayers were not in vain we prayed for people far and near. Some of us may have been tired but the Lord gave us the strength to carry on. On that Sunday morning the Lord really poured out His blessings upon us. Young people there are not enough words to describe that Sunday Morning service was to the utmost. We the Young people at Mt. Calvary really Love the Lord. We do our best to please God and not man. God has work for all of us to do so Young people everywhere get with God.

Our Motto is: If you don't pray, You won't stay. If you don't fast, You won't last.

We the young people at Mt. Calvary are really working for the Lord.

On December 7, 1974 we are putting on a program to win more souls for Christ. This program is consisting of three parts, the sinner, the back-slider, and the saint. We are sending letters to the different churches in our district to invite their

your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

She closed with her demonstration of "The Tator Family", Consisting of Agi-Tator, Hesi-Tator, Dic-Tator, Spec-Tator, and Emma-Tator.

A most informative and enjoyable speaker, Dr. G. Grant was also edifying.

Bishop Courtney made closing remarks and congratulated the speaker, and encouraged chairman A. Williams to continue in his endeavor.

Toastmistress M. Williams Acknowledged Guests.

Benediction

Everyone departed for their journey home, having been the recipients of a most delightful evening.

young people to come. We want them to be inspired on that night to except Christ as their personal Saviour. Young people we must remember that we are the church of tomorrow.

We hope that this article will inspire young people everywhere to except Christ as their personal Saviour and to fast and pray the more and to tell of His goodness and mercy. May God bless you and Heaven smile upon you. Yours in Christian Service.

Denise Baynard, Reporter

Supt. Robert P. Washington, D.D., Pastor

46TH HOLY JAMAICA NATIONAL CONVOCATION A HISTORY MAKING SUCCESS

The National Convocation for the church of God in Christ of Jamaica, West Indies, which convened July 1, through July 7, 1974 was a history making success. It was held at the Lyssons Community Center of Lyssons St. Thomas. The success of the convocation can be certainly be attributed to the vision and capable leadership of Bishop I. F. Rowe (presiding Bishop of the Jamaica Jurisdiction), Dr. Harold Conedy (administrative assistant), Mother Ruth Barron (supervisor of women) and the island overseers:

Overseer Isiah Aikens, Chairman Board of Supt., Elder R. C. Smith, General Secretary, Elder D. F. Morrison, Assistant Secretary, Elder F. Spencer, Treasurer, Elder D. Campbell, Convocation Chairman, Mrs. Sarah Doyle, Chairman Advisory Board, Mrs. W. Smith, Vice Chairman.

United States delegates present were Elder Meeks, pastor of Bethel C.O.G.I.C., Mother R. Barron of Bethany C.O.G.I.C., Los Angeles, Sister Maker, District Missionary of Sanctuary District of So. California, and



BISHOP ROWE CONGRATULATES MRS. NADDIE CONEDY FOR THE SUCCESS OF 3 NIGHTS OF CONCERT IN JAMAICA.

Mrs. Naddie Conedy of the Palm Lane C.O.G.I.C., Los Angeles.

The convocation was launched off with three night history-making gospel concert (June 28, 29, 30, 1974) featuring the gifted voice of Sister Naddie Conedy of Los Angeles. Mrs. Conedy alone rendered three nights of newsmaking singing, leaving her listeners asking for more. She is now known as the "Darling of Gospel Singing" in Jamaica, and she has been invited to return for concert in 1975. The concerts were the first of a kind in Jamaica. Congratulations to Mrs. Conedy!

Following the concerts, the 46th Convocation of Jamaica West Indies Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ opened officially using for a theme: "Therefore will not we fear" (Psalms 46:2 and 2 King 6:16-17)

Each day was filled with a planned agenda as following:

5:00 a. m., Prayer and Healing, 8:00 a. m., Breakfast, 10:00 a. m., Testimonial and Divine Worship, 2:30 p.m., Dinner, 5:00 p. m., Prayer and Praise, 7:00 p. m., Gospel Service and Message.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday Night: Civic Night and the Mayor of Morant Bay, Mayor Ross, officially address the delegates.

Thursday, July 4, 1974 Women's Day: Mrs. Ruth Barron, the newly appointed Supervisor of Women, presided along with the women officials of the island, Mother S. Doyle and Mother W. Smith. The theme for the day was "Spiritual Power". Mother Baron won the hearts of the delegates with an official address to the delegates. Highlights of the day was the 4:00 P. M. march of the women dressed in white down the streets of St. Thomas singing praises to God.

Saturday, July 6, 1974: Young People Willing Worker's Day, Elder Geddes presided, and hundreds of youth were in attendance.

Sunday, July 7, 1974: Official Day, The following highlighted the day: 5:00 p.m. Sunrise Prayer and Baptismal service in the Caribbean Sea. During each night of the meeting many souls came to the altar to be saved, and those desiring to be baptized were baptized during the sunrise baptismal service (20 candidates). Official Message: By

Bishop I. F. Rowe, before a packed house Bishop spoke on the theme, "Therefore will not we fear"!

The convocation reached the hearts of many in Jamaica as it was covered by three newspapers on the island. This year the meeting was blessed to make one half hour telecast for Jamaica Television featuring Mrs. Conedy in songs and an informative discussion by Bishop Rowe and Elder Meeks about the Church of God in Christ and concerts and National Convocation on the island.

In conclusion it can be said that the meeting was quite a success making history and reaching the hearts of many Jamaican leaving a lasting impression. Now as the leaders of this meeting, Bishop Rowe and his workers, look to another year, let us in the church keep the theme, "Therefore will not we fear" in our hearts, pray for the work, and by all means heed the call for aid.

Prospective projects that are in the making:

1. The incorporation of the Church of God in Christ in the Jamaica West Indies is now in the making (Funds are needed for completion.)
2. The establishment of the headquarters and a missionary home for the Church of God in Christ (Funds are needed for the completion of this vision.)

19 YEAR OLD ORGANIZES RADIO STATION

An enterprising young man has achieved a goal many would consider difficult if not impossible in these days of cutting back and tight money -- 19 year old John Brown has organized and found a spot on the competitive air waves for a new AM-FM radio station in Charlottesville, Virginia.

WCGC began broadcasting October 6, 1974 from it's studio located within the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ at Twelfth Street and Rosser Avenue. The station broadcasts gospel music daily from 4 to 11 p.m. and all day Sunday.

WCGC (101.1 FM and 101 AM) is a non-profit station with an all volunteer staff. If you enjoy gospel music and would like to keep WCGC in operation -- Make an investment in Jesus -- send your donation to WCGC care of John M. Brown 704 - 12th Street, N.W. Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

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CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST MOURNS PASSING OF NATIONAL BISHOP

called "Wyoming" whose gifted oratorical abilities, whose colorful personality, and strong singing voice made him one of the most popular preachers of our time.

The funeral service was presided over by Bishop J. O. Patterson and the General Board. Bishop D. A. Burton, General Secretary of the Church of God in Christ officiated. The Invocation was given by Bishop J. A. Blake, General Board Member. The Old and New Testament scripture was read by Bishops Leroy Anderson and Cleveland Anderson. Madam Ernestine Washington gave the Solo. Expressions were heard from Bishops O. M. Kelly, J. S. Bailey, J. D. Husband, J. W. White, Levi Willis, C. W. Williams, Willie James, Jacob Cohen, and S. M. Crouch. Also Mother Anne Bailey and Dr. Arenia Mallory gave remarks. The Highlight of the service was the Eulogy delivered by Bishop J. O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

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RESIST DEPRESSION AND IT WILL FLEE FROM YOU

depression (as well as any other of Satan's devices). The only thing the Enemy can do is try to surround or cover you with it; this is oppression.

Oppression is a suffocatingly heavy feeling, sometimes seemingly unexplainable, which the Enemy uses quite often and sometimes quite effectively on the saints of God. He knows that he can not truly break in and take over so he just tries to get his "foot in the door." If saints would just realize that depression or heavy, dark moods are the work of the Enemy, they need never experience a depressed day. When you start feeling something negative "coming on" and you know it is the Enemy and you open the door so that he can get his whole body in, you are giving him an opportunity to become a constant companion who begins to dictate your behavior and attitudes to you. When this happens you find it difficult to shake depression and you are often contemplating suicide and acting in ways you would not have believed possible of yourself. When you step back and look at yourself, you know that something isn't right, you want with all your heart things to be different, but you find, to your horror, that you are absolutely powerless to change! ONLY the power of God can eternally free you: saint or sinner.

However, instead of opening the door which has Satan's toe or foot in it, you can deal with oppression/depression. First of all, you must not be deceived by Satan's attempts to make you feel justified with your negative thoughts or to think you have EARNED the RIGHT to be depressed. Such nonsense is his

way of getting you more deeply involved. Thus, it is important that you know and believe that depression is not ordained by or sent by God as a healthy outlet or safety valve. Secondly, you must wage your own war. James 4:7 instructs you to "RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU." Whenever you feel yourself even slightly depressed you have two choices of action: (1) to start PRAISING the Lord with EVERYTHING you have - as if your life or the life of someone you love depended on it; or (2) If you believe and know that "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world"; that Jesus indeed has more power than the Enemy, then you simply tell Satan with all the force and authority you have that He is STILL the Liar he has been since the days of Eve and that JESUS is STILL the Victor He has ALWAYS been; command Him, in the Name of Jesus, to leave your mind or to just completely LEAVE YOU ALONE! - and THEN praise God! This will work everytime. Jesus does break every fetter; every chain of self-pity, self-doubt, suspicion, fear, guilt or despair - JESUS can and WILL demolish them all.

In conclusion, depression is nothing to play with. It is a serious emotion and shows that you are hurting and even angry. However, allowing oneself to remain depressed for long periods of time can be dangerous, both spiritually and physically. Often even occasional depressions are bad news because you are yet held

accountable for your activity or inactivity under that influence ("to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" - James 4:17). It is the purpose of this article to help you realize that you need never suffer more than moments of depression as a child of God; and to point out that because depression is an attempt by Satan to get your mind and will away from God, that you not only CAN resist it, but that you SHOULD!

UNTIL TOMORROW

*According to the eternal plan,
The body returns to the earth as it was,
And the spirit to God who gave it.*

*Of all that is material we say,
"Earth to earth, ashes to ashes,
dust to dust";*

But to the spirit we cry:

*"Now thou art free,
Free from pain and sickness and sorrow.*

*Free from all physical handicap,
Free to dream and sing and work
and love.*

Free to greet old friends and new

*And Jesus Christ,
And to adventure with them
forever."*

*Therefore we say,
"Good-bye, good-bye until
tomorrow." Amen.*

*Done in sorrow
The Family*

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighted in his way.

THE LEGACY OF GRANDFATHER COPELAND

When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die. There are different kinds of dying; it is true, but the essence of discipleship are contained in these words. The call went forth and Grandfather at once followed by the response of

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evening was the international choir under the direction of Sister Mattie Moss Clark, International President of the Church of God in Christ Music

Department. Beginning Thursday at midnight musicals were held at the Chisca where the most outstanding talent in the country was heard. Tuesday the women were in charge under the Supervision of Mother Anne L. Bailey.

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FAMINE PROPHECY STUNS NATIONAL CONVOCATION

The entire meeting was prophetic and spirit-filled each evening the best of gospel preaching was heard. At night after the broadcast Evangelist Laird, conducted an all night tarry service where people were filled with the Holy Ghost, and delivered from diseases. On Sunday our Presiding Bishop gave a prophetic message. He warned the congregation that he was seeing signs of the judgement. "We may meet next in the air....I've seen signs of the judgement."

obedience. What does this mean? Follow me! To follow in His steps is something that is void of all content. It gives us no intelligible program for a way of life, no goal or ideal to strive after. No way of knowing the hard knocks ahead. It is not a course which human calculation might deem worthy; even the devotion of ourselves.

What happened? At the call Grandfather left all that he had, not because he thought that he was doing something worth while, but simply for the sake of the call.

Inside of him there burned a raging fire of desire to tell others about the excitement of knowing Christ and the things Christ could do in a life. Some people have a multiple ministry and some have a one to one ministry. Still others are blessed with both types. The only unfortunate part of a multiple ministry is that you don't always get to know the fruits of your efforts.

"But let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians 6:9. Grandfather cut a pattern, that as a husband, he provided all of his wife's needs. As a father he taught his son; who is my father to become the great dad that he is. As a grandfather he was super. He left us a legacy of peace, truth and God-fearing reverence.

Is it no wonder that we as his grandchildren, Dorothea, Sondrea, Cleste, Beatrice and I felt obliged to give him and grandmother a special tribute on their 40th wedding anniversary? Forget? Never! the indelible mark of his love and understanding counsel shall always abide in our hearts-So: therefore we; his grandchildren share with you this his legacy-a final tribute to Grandfather.

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he had and that he was sure this could be a successful program in the Church.

The Commencement Exercise began at 11:00 A.M. Dr. Charles E. Blake was schedule to preside. The processional consisted of the Executive Directors' Party, Regional Director, Area Directors, Deans 22 students from the Tennessee Chapter, 17 students from the Texas Chapter, 6 students from the Michigan Chapter, 8 students from the Illinois Chapter, 71 students from the Mississippi Chapter, 10 students from the Virginia Chapter and 25 students from the Louisiana Chapter. The opening statement was given by Dr. A. J. Hines. Following expressions given by Dr. Oliver Haney, Jr., President Director of Mason Seminary, a solo was given by Mrs. Sarah Jordan Powell. Further expressions were then given by Dr. Arenia Mallory, President of Saint's College. The speaker was Bishop J. O. Patterson. The presentation of candidates and conferring of certificates were done by Dr. A. J. Hines and Dr. Roy Winbush, President of the Church of God in Christ Publishing House.



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